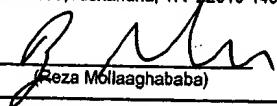




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action issued on January 25, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), together with this response. Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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